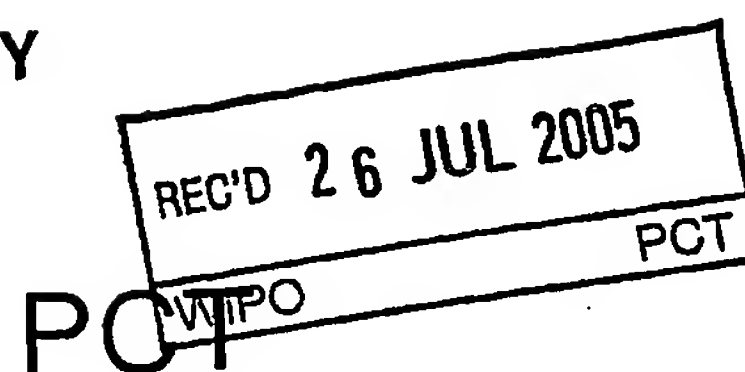


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1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims	
	No: Claims	1-37
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims	
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These coatings can be used for protection of a large spectrum of vehicle parts, especially for tires (see p. 11 and 12).

The parameters disclosed in present claim 18 are not expressis verbis mentioned in D1. However, the values of these parameters is also fulfilled in D1, since the compositions are based on identical components.

Consequently, the subject-matter of present claims 1-32 lacks novelty over D1.

2.2 D2 relates to acrylic compositions for coatings. Said coatings are easily removed by washing (see claim 1 and p. 15, paragraphs 1 and 2).

Consequently, the subject-matter of present claim 1 lacks novelty over D2.

2.3 D3 is directed to tinting compositions. Acrylic polymers are mentioned as the film-forming binder (see p. 7-10).

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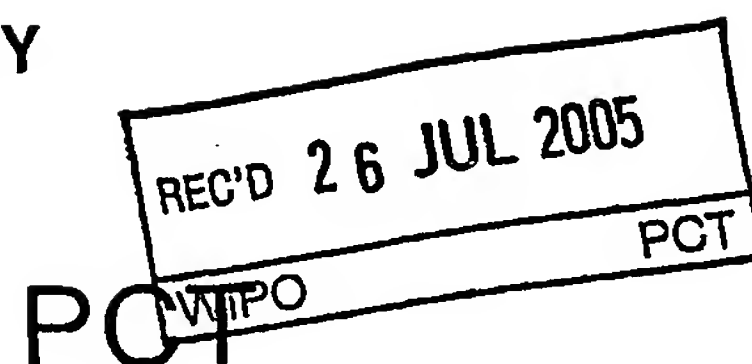
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- 2.5 D5 relates to protective coatings based on acrylic polymers having acid groups. The coatings are removable by washing with alkaline solutions. Furthermore, the compositions comprise glycerin and polydimethylsiloxane. Consequently, the subject-matter of present claims 33-37 lacks novelty over D5.

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